



2011

## Every Child a Graduate CONFERENCE



High-quality professional development is the cornerstone of great teaching. The skilled teachers who are making a difference in classrooms across Wisconsin know that a

commitment to lifelong learning lies at the heart of what they do. As demands and expectations rise, the need for cutting-edge training is vital.

I invite you to attend the "Every Child a Graduate" Conference sponsored by the Department of Public Instruction to access these learning opportunities. Our keynote speakers have been carefully chosen to address how to transform and reinvent Wisconsin's schools so our students are prepared for both college and career, obtaining the knowledge and skills they need to be successful. Our pre-conference will focus on what research tells us about balancing a safe and caring school culture with challenging academics for increased achievement.

Each year for the past six years, more than 1300 educators across our state have attended this conference and returned to their districts with information that reinvigorated their teaching. We look forward to having you join us in January 2011.

Tony Evers, PhD  
State Superintendent

### Here's what attendees of the 2010 Wisconsin Promise Conference said about their participation:

*"Good balance of theory and best practice..."*

—K-12 Teacher

*"The content was very relevant and informative."*

—Pupil Services staff

*"I found something useful and beneficial in every session that I attended."*

—K-12 Teacher

*"I look forward to this conference every year. The learning opportunities are great."*

—Administrator

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January 13–14, 2011

Pre-conference January 12

Monona Terrace  
Madison, Wisconsin

Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction  
Tony Evers, PhD, State Superintendent

## Conference Highlights



### Dr. JoAnn Deak, Pre-conference, January 12, 2011

*The Magic Blend: Creating a Culture of Community & Challenge*

If you review the research looking for correlations between student satisfaction and success, one of the top factors reported is a small

setting that has a sense of community. The task for a school is to look at itself and try to create or enhance the culture that embodies these well agreed upon descriptors. However, a sense of community is only half of the equation. This community is also a school, and as such, needs to provide a culture of challenge to get students to reach their full potential. As usual, the problem is in the specificity. This workshop looks at how to accomplish these deceptively complicated, but crucial, two tasks. JoAnn Deak has spent more than thirty years as an educator and psychologist, helping children develop into confident and competent adults.



### Dr. Tony Wagner, Keynote, January 13, 2011

*The Global Achievement Gap*

Tony Wagner has served as Co-Director of the Change Leadership Group (CLG) at the Harvard Graduate School of Education

since its inception in 2000. Tony consults widely to public and independent schools, districts, and has been Senior Advisor to the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation for the past eight years.

Tony has worked for more than 35 years in the field of school improvement. Prior to assuming his current position at Harvard, he was a high school teacher for 12 years, a school principal, a university professor in teacher education, co-founder and first executive director of Educators for Social Responsibility, project director for the Public Agenda Foundation in New York, and President and CEO of the Institute for Responsive Education.



### Dr. Richard Halverson, Keynote, January 14, 2011

*Rethinking Education in the Age of Technology*

Richard Halverson is an associate professor of Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis at the University

of Wisconsin-Madison. He is co-director of Games, Learning, and Society at UW-Madison, an internationally known research group that investigates how cutting edge learning technologies can reshape learning in and out of schools.

Dr. Halverson was a teacher and a school administrator in suburban Chicago. He is a recent recipient of a National Science Foundation Early Career Award to investigate how school leaders work with teachers to create the capacity for using student achievement data in daily practices of teaching and learning.

## Conference Agenda

Wednesday, January 12, 2011	
7:30 am – 8:30 am	Pre-conference Registration
8:30 am – 3:30 pm	Pre-conference: Dr. JoAnn Deak, <i>The Magic Blend</i>
Thursday, January 13, 2011	
7:00 am – 8:00 am	Registration Opens
8:05 am – 8:10 am	Announcements
8:10 am – 8:30 am	Opening Session State Superintendent Welcome Remarks
8:30 am – 9:45 am	Keynote: Dr. Tony Wagner
10:00 am – 11:30 am	Sectional I Breakouts
11:45 am – 12:00 pm	Musical Performance
12:00 pm – 12:45 pm	Lunch
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Sectional II Breakouts
2:15 pm – 3:45 pm	Sectional III Breakouts
3:45 pm	Conference Adjourns
Friday, January 14, 2011	
7:00 am – 8:00 am	Continental Breakfast
8:00 am – 8:05 am	Welcome, Announcements
8:05 am – 8:20 am	Musical Performance
8:20 am – 9:20 am	Keynote: Dr. Richard Halverson
9:30 am – 10:30 am	Sectional IV Breakouts
10:40 am – 12:10 pm	Sectional V Breakouts
12:10 pm	Conference Adjourns

## To Attend the Conference

To register, and for more information about the conference, lodging, etc., visit our conference website at: <http://dpi.wi.gov/ecg/conference.html>.

### Registration Fees:

#### Pre-conference

Early Bird*(ends at Midnight - 11/30/10)	\$100
Regular Fee (12/1/10 – 1/7/11)	\$125

#### Conference

Early Bird*(ends at Midnight - 11/30/10)	\$125
Regular Fee (12/1/10 – 1/7/11)	\$175

**\*NOTE:** All Registration is by credit card only, and expires at midnight on January 7, 2011

## To Present at the Conference

**SPEAKERS:** We welcome education professionals to present interactive sessions of best practice, success stories, etc., at conference breakout sessions. For a complete list of topics and a Presenter Proposal form, go to: [http://www2.dpi.state.wi.us/NWP\\_ConfProp/mainMenu.asp](http://www2.dpi.state.wi.us/NWP_ConfProp/mainMenu.asp)

**SCHOOL MUSICIANS:** One of our conference traditions is to feature student musicians at each of our large group assemblies. This year, we have two opportunities for student musicians to perform: Noon on the first day (January 13) or 8:00 am on the second day (January 14). If you are interested in submitting a proposal, please go to:

<https://forms.dpi.wi.gov/se.ashx?s=56301B2D68E7B367>

***"We need a metamorphosis of education - from the cocoon, a butterfly should emerge. Improvement does not give us a butterfly - only a faster caterpillar."***

– Unknown Author